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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States general imports from the record total of $15,207.2 million in 1959 to $14,653.9 million in 1960 reflected decreases in annual general imports from all continents except Asia and South America. Changes in the dollar values of general imports from all continents from 1959 to 1960 are as follows: Europe, from $4,607.4 to $4,266.7 million; North America, from $4,637.2 to $4,429.0 million; Australia and Oceania, from $337.6 to $266.0 million; Africa, from $588.9 to $535.0 million; Asia, from $2,602.6 to $2,720.7 million; and South America, from $2,433.4 to $2,436.6 million. From 1959 to 1960 decreases were reported in general imports from O.E.E.C. and sterling area countries, from $4,359.2 to $4,091.0 million and from $2,684.3 to $2,442.0 million, respectively.

The Bureau stated that the slight decline in United States general imports from $1,160.8 million in November[1] to $1,157.1 million in December[1] reflected counterbalancing changes in area totals as follows: Canada, from $248.9 to $223.2 million; Western Europe, from $333.1 to $337.0 million; Latin American Republics, from $276.8 to $277.0 million; and "all other countries", from $302.0 to $319.9 million. Increases were reported in imports from O.E.E.C. countries from $324.4 to $330.7 million and sterling area countries, from $180.2 to $183.2 million.

Imports from South America fell from $210.5 million in November to $197.5 million in December primarily as a result of a drop in imports from Colombia, from $35.3 to $24.7 million. The decrease in imports from North America from $355.5 to $346.0 million was due largely to the drop in imports from Canada, as noted above, being partly offset by increases in imports from Mexico, from $31.3 to $39.1 million and the Netherlands Antilles, from $21.4 to $27.8 million. Although the change in the level of total imports from Asia from November to December was small, $209.6 to $209.5 million, sizable counterbalancing changes were noted in imports from some of the individual countries of this continent. The more noticeable of these were Japan, from $91.5 to $83.3 million and the Republic of Indonesia, from $15.0 to $22.1 million.

During the period, imports from Australia and Oceania rose from $10.9 to $17.7 million reflecting a substantial increase in imports from Australia from $5.3 to $11.7 million. Imports from Europe climbed from $338.2 to $343.4 million reflecting in part higher levels of imports from West Germany, from $69.5 to $78.8 million and Greece, from $1.6 to $9.4 million which were largely offset by decreases in imports from the United Kingdom, from $77.7 to $68.6 million and France, from $31.1 to $27.1 million. Imports from Africa advanced from $36.1 to $42.8 million

[1] On a seasonally-adjusted basis, total general imports were valued at $1,128.0 million in November and $1,099.7 million in December. (See the December issue of Report No. FT 900-I.) Seasonally-adjusted data are not available by country of origin.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in an number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consilidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchanting or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Formal entry shipments valued less than $100 and informal entry shipments valued $250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. The estimated values are included in the area, continent, and country totals in the table. The variability in the import figures due to sampling is no more than three percent or less than $50,000. For further information regarding the sampling procedures, see the "Explanation of the Sampling Procedure for Estimating Low Valued Imports" in the foreword of Report No. FT 110. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, country definition, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: DECEMBER 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. Data revised to reflect all corrections published with the statistics through those for December 1960. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on the data shown.)

Continent and country[1]	December 1960	November 1960	December 1959	Monthly average 1959
Total trade	1,157.1	1,160.8	1,466.9	1,267.3
Western Europe	337.0	333.1	464.4	376.9
Canada	223.2	248.9	288.6	253.5
Latin American Republics	277.0	276.8	340.7	300.1
All other countries[2]	319.9	302.0	373.1	336.8
O.E.E.C. countries	330.7	324.4	446.6	363.3
Sterling area countries	183.2	180.2	253.3	223.7
North America	346.0	355.5	430.0	386.4
Greenland	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.1
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador)	223.2	248.9	288.6	253.5
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
Mexico [a]	39.1	31.3	38.9	36.3
Guatemala [a]	7.6	8.3	13.1	5.4
British Honduras [b]	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
El Salvador [a]	3.6	1.4	5.6	3.1
Honduras [a]	1.8	1.8	1.3	2.1
Nicaragua [a]	2.1	1.0	0.8	1.3
Costa Rica [a]	3.2	2.9	3.2	2.7
Republic of Panama [a]	1.0	1.6	2.0	2.1
Canal Zone	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
Bermuda [b]	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Bahamas [b]	0.8	0.5	0.8	1.0
Cuba [a]	2.9	6.2	27.5	39.6
Jamaica [b]	3.5	4.0	4.1	3.9
Haiti [a]	1.1	1.1	2.4	1.4
Dominican Republic [a]	20.8	18.0	10.0	6.3
Leeward and Windward Islands [b]	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.2
Barbados [b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago [b]	6.5	6.0	3.5	3.7
Netherlands Antilles	27.8	21.4	27.6	23.4
French West Indies	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
South America	197.5	210.5	239.4	202.8
Colombia [a]	24.7	35.3	30.4	28.3
Venezuela [a]	83.9	81.9	95.8	74.2
British Guiana [b]	1.7	4.2	0.6	0.4
Surinam	2.1	3.0	2.9	2.3
French Guiana	...	...	(*)	0.1
Ecuador [a]	4.9	5.5	5.6	5.0
Peru [a]	18.3	17.6	12.5	10.0
Bolivia [a]	1.0	0.3	1.0	0.6
Chile [a]	9.5	9.1	15.3	16.8
Brazil [a]	42.6	45.0	65.4	52.4
Paraguay [a]	0.3	1.4	0.5	0.7
Uruguay [a]	1.3	1.5	0.7	1.5
Argentina [a]	7.1	5.7	8.7	10.5
Falkland Islands [b]	...	...	...	...
Europe	343.4	338.2	471.5	384.0
Iceland [b,c,d]	1.1	0.1	2.2	1.0
Sweden [c,d]	12.7	13.0	21.5	15.4
Norway [c,d]	6.0	6.4	8.5	8.3
Denmark [c,d]	9.6	8.6	11.1	8.7

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: DECEMBER 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Continent and country[1]	December 1960	November 1960	December 1959	Monthly average 1959
Europe—Continued				
United Kingdom[b,c,d]	68.6	77.7	103.5	94.8
Ireland (Eire)[b,c,d]	3.2	2.3	2.5	2.2
Netherlands[c,d]	17.2	17.5	19.7	18.0
Belgium and Luxembourg[c,d]	27.7	26.3	41.3	34.7
France[c,d]	27.1	31.1	45.0	38.5
West Germany[c,d]	78.8	69.5	99.8	76.7
East Germany	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Austria[c,d]	4.4	3.9	4.2	4.7
Czechoslovakia	0.9	0.8	1.2	1.0
Hungary	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Switzerland[c,d]	18.4	17.9	19.6	16.3
Finland[c]	3.7	4.5	6.1	4.1
Estonia	...	...	...	(*)
Latvia	...	...	...	(*)
Lithuania	...	...	...	...
Poland and Danzig	1.6	2.9	2.2	2.7
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	2.8	0.6	3.0	2.4
Azores	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Spain[c,d]	5.3	8.1	8.6	6.5
Portugal[c,d]	2.5	2.9	2.4	2.2
Gibraltar[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Malta, Gozo, and Cyprus[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.2
Italy[c,d]	32.7	34.0	43.9	32.3
Free Territory of Trieste[c,d]	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Yugoslavia[c]	2.6	4.1	3.1	3.1
Albania	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Greece[c,d]	9.4	1.6	6.4	2.8
Rumania	0.3	0.3	(*)	0.1
Bulgaria	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Turkey[c,d]	6.2	3.5	15.1	6.9
Asia	209.5	209.6	238.0	216.9
United Arab Republic (Syria Region)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.8
Lebanon	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.3
Iraq (Mesopotamia)	3.4	2.3	2.6	2.9
Iran (Persia)	4.9	4.0	3.3	4.2
Israel	2.5	2.6	1.7	2.3
Palestine	...	...	...	(*)
Jordan[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Kuwait[b]	10.5	12.3	14.6	13.2
Saudi Arabia	3.6	6.0	5.5	4.7
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.2
Aden[b]	(*)	0.1	0.1	(*)
State of Bahrein[b]	(*)	(*)	...	0.1
Afghanistan	3.8	3.3	2.5	1.4
India[b]	17.5	17.7	18.1	17.3
Pakistan[b]	3.2	2.7	2.7	3.0
Nepal	...	...	...	(*)
Ceylon[b]	2.6	2.6	3.4	2.9
Burma[b]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Thailand (Siam)	4.7	3.2	7.2	7.5
Viet-Nam	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.9
Laos	...	...	(*)	(*)
Cambodia	0.1	0.3	0.9	1.1
Federation of Malaya[b]	10.7	10.1	17.7	13.3
Colony of Singapore; British Borneo[b]	1.7	0.9	2.4	2.4
Republic of Indonesia	22.1	15.0	15.0	15.9
Republic of the Philippines	20.0	20.3	14.7	26.0
Macao (Macau)	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c	0.3	(*)	0.1	(*)
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c	...	...	...	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Outer Mongolia	(*)	0.1	1.5	0.6

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Continent and country[1]	December 1960	November 1960	December 1959	Monthly average 1959
Asia—Continued				
North Korea	...	...	(*)	(*)
Republic of Korea	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Hong Kong[b]	10.6	8.7	11.6	8.3
Taiwan (Formosa)	1.7	2.9	1.7	1.2
Japan	83.3	91.5	107.8	85.7
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Australia and Oceania	17.7	10.9	29.0	28.1
Australia[b]	11.7	5.3	21.1	16.4
New Guinea[b]	(*)	0.2	(*)	(*)
New Zealand[b]	5.6	5.3	7.2	11.3
British Western Pacific Islands[b]	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.1
French Pacific Islands	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	0.4	(*)	0.6	0.2
Africa	42.8	36.1	59.0	49.1
Morocco	1.2	1.9	0.6	0.9
Algeria	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Tunisia	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.2
Libya[b]	0.1	0.1	(*)	(*)
United Arab Republic (Egypt Region)	1.4	0.5	0.3	1.4
Sudan	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.5
Canary Islands	...	(*)	0.1	(*)
Spanish Africa, n.e.c	0.4	0.3	(*)	(*)
Cameroun	0.8	(*)	0.9	0.8
Western Equatorial Africa[3]	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3
Western Africa, n.e.c.[4]	3.5	2.4	3.5	2.1
Ghana[b]	5.0	5.6	8.7	5.3
Nigeria[b]	4.8	0.9	3.2	2.7
British West Africa, n.e.c.[b]	(*)	0.2	0.1	0.3
Madeira Islands	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Angola	3.3	2.6	2.2	2.6
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.2
Liberia	2.9	2.9	5.5	3.5
Republic of the Congo; and Ruanda-Urundi[5]	4.0	4.5	9.0	8.9
Somali Republic[6]	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	0.4	0.7	0.8	1.3
French Somaliland	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies[b]	...	...	...	(*)
British East Africa[b]	4.1	4.4	4.5	3.4
Mozambique	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Malagasy Republic[7]	0.4	0.9	0.9	1.0
Union of South Africa[b]	8.0	6.6	13.1	9.8
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland[b]	1.3	0.5	4.5	3.1

[a]Latin American Republics. [b]Sterling area countries. [c]Western Europe. [d]O.E.E.C. (Organization for European Economic Co-operation) countries. *Indicates less than $50,000. [1]For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. [2]Figures shown include imports from the dependencies of Western Europe for which a separate over all total was presented in previous issues. Separate data for the individual dependencies are presented in this table. [3]Country designation established effective July 1960. Formerly French Equatorial Africa. [4]Country designation established effective July 1960. Formerly French West Africa and Republic of Togo. [5]Country designation established effective July 1960. Formerly Belgian Congo. [6]Country designation established effective July 1960. Includes areas formerly known as "Somaliland" and "British Somaliland." The data shown for periods prior to July 1960 reflect combined totals on United States export trade with Somliland and British Somaliland. [7]Country designation established effective July 1960. Formerly Madagascar.